

# Castle Canyon Trail #765



## Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 0.8 miles (one way)  
Elevation..... 1600-2400 feet  
Snow Free ..... May to October



Most Difficult



**Trail Highlights:** The Castle Canyon Trail is a short day hike into the Mt. Hood Wilderness which leads to interesting tower-like rock formations called the Pinnacles.

**Trail Description:** The first half of the trail has gradual grades thru old growth forest. The second half of the trail is steep and narrow, gaining almost 800 feet in elevation in less than ¼ mile. The last ¼ mile is a bit of a scramble to the trails end at the Pinnacles rock formations.

### Regulations & Leave No Trace Information:

- Wilderness Permits are required between May 15 and Oct 15. Permits are free and self-issued at a permit box station along the trail.
- Group size is limited to 12. Stock are counted in the group size. For example, 3 people riding their own horse plus a spare horse in the group for packing would make a group of 7.

### Leave No Trace

- Plan Ahead and Prepare: Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies.
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces: Use established trails and campsites.
- Dispose of Waste Properly: Pack out all trash, leftover food and litter.
- Leave What You Find: Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.
- Minimize Campfire Impacts: Use established fire rings & keep fires small.
- Respect Wildlife: Control pets at all times.
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors: Avoid loud voices and noises.

For information on **Leave No Trace**, go to [www.LNT.org](http://www.LNT.org) or call 1-800-332-4100

**For current trail conditions and more recreation information go to:**

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/mthood>

Map and driving directions on next page

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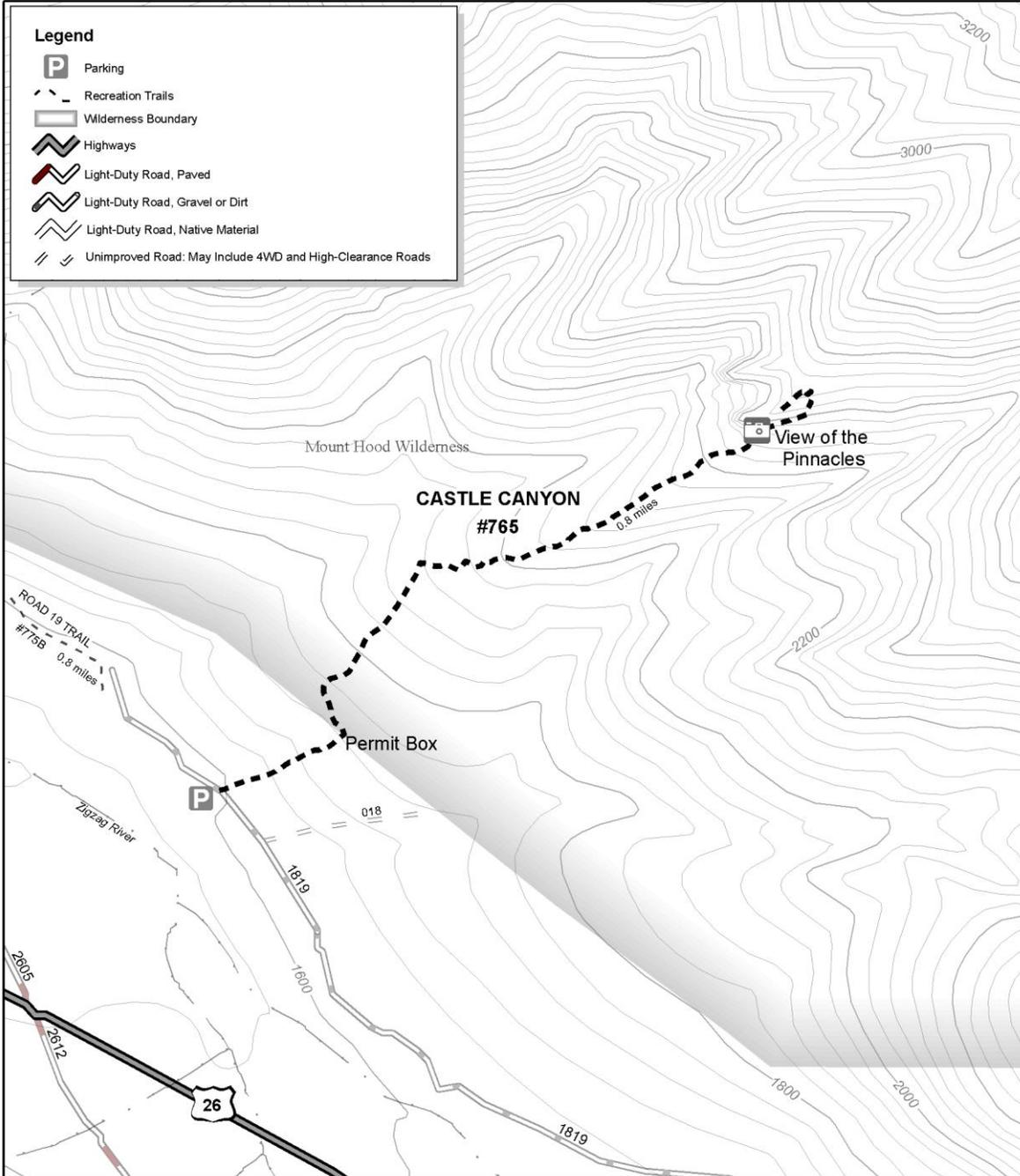
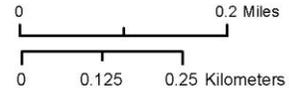
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**Directions to Trailhead:** From Portland, travel 19 miles east of Sandy on US Hwy 26 to Rhododendron. Make a left turn onto E. Arlie Mitchell Road, (Mt. Hood Foods market). This road will point you back westward for 200 yards, then bears right. After ¼ mile, you will come to a junction with Henry Creek Rd and Forest Road 1819. Turn left onto Forest Road 1819 and follow it for 0.5 mile to the trailhead. Please respect the neighbors, as parking is limited, and be sure not to block driveways. More parking is available a short distance further down the road.

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0.8 miles 1.3 km



**Recommended maps:** Zig Zag Ranger District

